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SITUATION REPORT

April 24, 2002 Southeast Missouri Severe Storms Event and
April 28, 2002 Bollinger County Tornado

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Around 4:00 p.m., 24 April 2002, a line of thunderstorms with high winds, damaging hail and tornadoes stretched from just south of St. Louis through most of South East Missouri. There were numerous reports of tornadoes that developed from this front as it passed through the area. Governor Bob Holden declared a State of Emergency for Southeast Missouri Counties following these severe spring storms.

At approximately 1:15 a.m., 28 April 2002, a tornado struck southern Bollinger County south of Marble Hill Missouri. 12-15 homes received severe damages. 5-6 mobile homes also were hit. One twelve-year-old boy was fatally injured by this storm. Four people were life flighted from the damage area to Cape Girardeau Hospitals.

Governor Holden issued a State Declaration of Emergency for Madison, Butler and Carter Counties on 25 April 2002. Governor Holden issued a State Declaration of Emergency for Bollinger County on 29 April 2002.

A request for a Federal Declaration of Emergency (a.k.a. Presidential Disaster Declaration) is currently being reviewed by Federal Emergency Management Agency Officials.

County Reports:

Bollinger County: Bollinger County has requested State assistance to remove trees that were toppled into a creek behind the Baptist Church. The trees are impeding the flow of the creek and officials are afraid that the Church will be flooded or damaged by the backed-up water.

Damage Summary for Bollinger County remains at:

- 15 homes were destroyed
- 5 homes suffered major damage
- 2 homes had minor damage

Butler County: No significant changes reported

Damage Summary for Butler County remains at:

- 50 homes were destroyed
- 16 homes suffered major damage
- 30 homes had minor damage

Carter County: No significant changes reported

Damage Summary for Carter County remains at:

13 homes were destroyed
12 homes suffered major damage
27 homes had minor damage

Madison County: No significant changes reported.

Damage Summary for Madison County remains at:

6 homes were destroyed
12 homes suffered major damage
22 homes had minor damage

Howell County: No Significant changes reported.

Phelps County: No Significant changes reported.

Damage Summary for Phelps County remains at:

0 homes were destroyed
8 homes suffered major damage
8 homes had minor damage

SEMA actions:

SEMA processed letter requesting Federal Declaration for 19 counties for Individual Assistance. Core counties listed in the Individual Assistance declaration request are: Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Howell and Madison. Citizens living in the following contiguous counties are also included in the Individual Assistance disaster request: Cape Girardeau, Douglas, Dunklin, Iron, Oregon, Ozark, Perry, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon, St. Francois, Stoddard, Texas and Wayne. The request included five counties eligible for Public Assistance. A Public Assistance Disaster Declaration will help public entities deal with the massive debris removal costs and make repairs to damaged public property. Rural electric cooperatives and other publicly owned utilities could also be eligible to recover costs associated with storm-related damages. Counties requested in the Public Assistance declaration are: Bollinger, Butler, Carter, Howell and Madison. This request includes assistance from SBA.

State Agency actions:

Missouri State Highway Patrolmen from Troops E and G and the Water Patrol have resumed normal operations.

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) continue to assist local Highway Departments in road clearance and debris removal.

Volunteer Organization actions:

Volunteer agencies continue to assist citizens in Southeast Missouri.

American Red Cross is continuing to provide family assistance, mental health, disaster health services and mass feeding. The Salvation Army is providing mass feeding and donations management / distribution. Seventh Day Adventist Community Services is partnering with The Salvation Army in the donations management effort. AmeriCorp is providing coordination from its base at Poplar County Emergency Coordination of disaster relief efforts continues in the counties recently affected by severe weather. AmeriCorp also has teams in the field providing direct services in clean-up, emergency repairs, and client advocacy. United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is providing volunteer coordination. Numerous faith based groups and churches are providing direct assistance throughout the affected area. Church World Service has a staff person deployed to work with faith-based groups and recovery committees. University Outreach and Extension (UOE) is supporting the coordination effort with local collaboration support, Coping With Disaster brochures, and web site support. The web site for disaster information is:

<http://outreach.missouri.edu/sweather.html>

Butler County Health Dept and Butler County Caring Community are providing lead agency support with UOE in Butler. The County Commission in Carter County is lead for local relief. UOE and County Official are leading in Madison County. Bollinger County Health Dept. and Marble Hill Economic Development are leading coordination efforts in Bollinger Co.

Federal actions:

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Small Business Administration officials are also reviewing the damage assessment reports to determine if this disaster meets their requirements for an SBA Declaration of Disaster.

Forecast:

National Weather Service reports that Wednesday May 1, 2002, that a warm front accompanied by moisture from the Gulf of Mexico will traverse Missouri from south to north and will lead to showers and thunderstorms late this afternoon and ending late this evening. Thursday will be cool and breezy with a high around the mid-50's.

Please Note:

This will be the last Situation Report for these storms, unless significant changes occur. If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call our 24-hour emergency phone number – 573/751-2748.